

## Among Our Friends

### 25 YEARS FOR MRS. MAUCK AT FELLOWSHIP

On January 20th, Mrs. Alice Mauck celebrated her twenty fifth year as head resident of the Fellowship House, a settlement house in the Lithuanian community of Bridgeport, Chicago. This little and energetic woman has done a great deal for the people of the community. She is resourceful and a cheerful person. She not only was an excellent mother to her own three orphaned children, but extended the same consideration with the same amount of love to all the kids in the neighborhood; particularly was she the angel during the depression of the early thirties. Mrs. Mauck is loved by the neighbors and by the Lithuanian people. Her place was one of the first places where the Lithuanian folk dancers met and all groups found every form of help and encouragement.

Mrs. Mauck is an early VILTIS supporter, a friend of ye editor to whom she acted as a "godmother", being the witness upon his becoming a citizen of the United States. Originally, Bridgeport was the neighborhood of the editor, too. A 'Valjo' and an 'Ilgiausiu Metu' to Mrs. Mauck from all of us.

### STEPHANIE NOVICKY SHOT

An intruder broke into the house of Miss Stephanie Novicky, threatening with a gun. At that time, her phone rang, it was one of her un-musical friends and she started talking to him about music, a subject these two never before discussed. Her friend, Henry Grove, became suspicious and inquired, "Did someone break into your house?" and she gave an affirmative answer, whereupon he immediately called the police. When the police arrived they found Stephanie standing in the window and heard her say that she is jumping out. As she was jumping two shots were fired at her by the intruder, injuring her severely. The intruder, realizing that he was surrounded by the police, killed himself. Miss Novicky survived the fall from the second floor and the shots and was taken to the hospital.

Stephanie is a very talented girl, a noted pianist and a winner of several piano solo awards. She will also be remembered from her participation in the VILTIS annual concerts and for her excellent articles in VILTIS on music. We all join to wish her that from now on "Buk Sveika", stay well and happy.

### Jack J. Stukas.

Without any doubt, one of the most energetic young men among the Lithuanians on the Atlantic coastline is Jack Stukas. He is a "brain" and a tireless worker. A graduate of New York University and Columbia, last year he won a scholarship to study in Oxford, England. Now, he received an invitation to teach at Suton Hall University of East Orange, N. J. He is extremely active in Lithuanian circles and conducts Lithuanian radio programs and cultural concerts. Valio Jack!

### NICK THENS WINS \$500

Former International House folk dancer who is now traveling through the West won \$500 from the "Magazine Of Building" in a contest for an architectural design of homes. Since Nick left Chicago a year ago, he traveled through New Mexico, old Mexico, California, Washington and Colorado and was even in Chicago for another reaffirmation "that he doesn't like Chicago's weather". He seems to like Boulder, Colo., best.

### ANOTHER WINNER — ELEANOR MELLAS

Eleanor Mellas, beautiful lass and a member of ATEITIS folk dancers, and Alice Stephens, famous Girl's Choir where she solo's, won \$75.00, a wrist watch and an orchid from Morris B. Sachs radio-television program for their singing. Eleanor is certainly getting places. She has made terrific progress during the last two years. She is a very talented young lass. We wish her all the luck in the world.

### ROAMING AND WANDERING FRIENDS

We reckon Mrs. Edna Welch could take no more of Minnesota's nice white snow and crisp sub-zero weather, for we find her now enjoying the sunshine of sunny southern California. No, nothing like White Bear Lake — there is no smog in White Bear Lake, plenty in L.A. . . . Our printer, Al Valas, also took off a week to escape Chicago's gorgeously miserable weather for a whiff of azalea blossoms in New Orleans, La. The weather was grand, reported Algirdas . . . Bernice Bromby's parents left Toronto, Canada for a month's holiday in California, but the folks were of the opinion that during some of the time the winter weather of Toronto was warmer than what Florida had to offer . . . Ray Brock, former accordionist for ATEITIS and now an announcer in Appleton, Wis., dropped in to Chicago for one week-end to see friends, and (to see friends, I reckon) . . . Danny Solomon, Chicagoan is spending this winter in Switzerland where he is attending school — two hours in the class room and eight hours of skiing. Noo, darf men gein in college? . . . Leonard Austin is visiting Rome and other parts of Italy (Ah me) . . .

## New Arrivals

### Michael and Paul Siricevich

The stork must have gotten too tired carrying around a pair of male twins for a period, so he decided to drop them at seven months straight into the incubator and let the nurses worry about the two PM's. Tho they were two pounders, they didn't stay long that way. How, Michael and Paul, the sons and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Siricevich, are big boys and ever hungry (says their mother, the former Madelene Krvavica, Dalmatian beauty). Their mother was twice Cover Girl for VILTIS in exotic Yugoslav costumes.

### Magueritte Mayo

The folk dancers of the Pittsburgh area agreed, no doubt, that their beloved folk dance leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Monty Mayo, started the New Year right by presenting the world with a New Year Baby, right on January 1st. Margot weighed at birth 6 lbs. and 15 oz. The Mayos have two other girls and a boy, all extremely beautiful and smart kids. Accept our sincerest wishes and congratulations.

### Alan Rideout McNeil

A Valentine baby (well, he missed it by one day) was presented to Cecily and Edward McNeil, at present of Urbana, Ill. where papa Edward is teaching and studying at the University of Ill. Alan Rideout McNeil weighed 8 lbs. and 3 oz. upon arrival on February 15th. Eddy will be remembered by many Chicagoans and International House folk dancers as one of their avid folk dance member who also joined them on several National Folk Dance excursions. Heartiest congratulations from all the McNeil clan.

### AMONG OUR SERVICE FRIENDS



### Kazy Serving Again ....

I'm bragging about members of my family. I didn't have a picture of my "kid brother" (he's only six feet and 185 lbs.) in dawg ages. Here he is shown with his trophy and loads of wheaties for winning a "hole-in-one" in a Borden contest. Kasy Charles Raymond Dulys is a Technical Sergeant with the Air Force stationed at O'Hara Field where he is a Supply Expert. He was overseas for four years with the Marines during the last World War and saw action in Bougainville, Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, and Guam. Now, he is once again on the move, Seneca Falls, N. Y. Kazy used to be an excellent folk dancer and met his wife, Lillian, in the folk dance group where both belonged. She is one of the sweetest people and I love her loads for a sister. Their baby, Nancy, four years old, is my "true love" (Not to mention Ernie's kids, Gail, Jr., and Jeanette, also my true loves). If but war would end and peace would be a reality.

John Taylor, New Jersey sailor boy now stationed at Great Lakes, contracted the measles after his participation at the Barrington Folk Festival. Never too old for measles. John and Ann Sereika were both of great help in the mailing out of the last VILTIS. Thank Youse".

Pranas (Frank) Zapolis is in, too, and ATEITIS lost a hard working member and an excellent dancer. He joined the Air Force and started his training at O'Hara Field. Frank was the treasurer. The dance group participated in a farewell party for him on March 3rd and sent him on to Uncle Sam with hopes and prayers that the Merciful One will watch over him and bring him and all our boys home well and whole in spirit and body. Frank, besides his duties as a treasurer for Ateitis, was also their correspondent for the Ateitis column

Leroy Middleton writes from Japan: "I was sure surprised when I got to this country. I have heard so much about the customs of Japan and I was expecting to really see something different, but found that there isn't a whole lot different from the customs in our country." Leroy is stationed in South Yokohama.

Eddy Williams, ATEITIS folk dancer, and at war for a second time in his young life, this time, tho, with all the tough time Korea can offer thrown into the bargain, really got to see Korea. For 21 days he barely had a chance to rest, trudging through the cities in the news: Wonju, Incheon, Osan, Yongdong, Kimchon, Andong, Taejon, etc.

In a recent letter from Ed he wrote of a narrow escape from an ambush which claimed the lives of some of his buddies. He escaped the ambush because his truck broke down and was unable to continue; instead, he had to remain behind to fix the truck as the others advanced into a trap that caused the death of some.

Capt. Richard Bennett, folk dancer from Sacramento, Cal. who is now stationed in Washington, D. C., was in Chicago for a two week inspection tour and whenever possible took in some folk dancing. In Washington itself, he and wifey Margaret, not only dance but do occasionally some square dance calling, too.

Leonard Mickas, handsome ATEITIS dancer, is floating around in the Bay Area during the day, roaming the streets in search for folk dancing during the evening and is gradually unearthing various folk dance groups all by himself, and is now dancing practically every evening at Chango, Gateswingers, etc.

Arthur Schrader, folk dancer from Buffalo, N. Y., won't miss Buffalo and folk dancing too much. He is stationed in San Antonio and the army made him an "entertainment specialist" . . . song leader, choral director, folk dancing, photography. And when not doing it on army time he visits Rickey Holden's groups . . . Soft life, yep, that's what ah calls it.

John Groot from Whittier, Cal., was another of "our own" stationed at San Antonio in the same camp with Art. Hope you two met, "mucho in common". He finds square dance calling in Texas superior to what they do in Southern California. He is now in San Francisco, Cal.

Bill Welch from White Bear Lake, Minn., and football star of Hamline U in St. Paul, is now playing a rough game in Korea; not even mail is able to catch up with him since Dec. cometimes. We are sure things have improved by now.

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